The dream of bringing a first-class children’s museum to Meridian has finally become a reality as the Mississippi Children’s Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) opens its doors to the public today.

The museum includes the nation’s first permanent *Goodnight Moon* exhibit, a two-story brainiac climber, a library inspired by the Academy Award-winning short film and children’s book, *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce, a WonderBox tinkering lab, and will soon include a whimsical, 25,000 square foot garden to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. Each gallery is designed with MCM-Meridian’s educational initiatives at its core; STEAM, literacy, health and nutrition, and Mississippi heritage.

“This magical space and commitment to inspiring a lifelong joy of learning would not be possible, though, were it not for the overwhelming support of so many—families, teachers, businesses, and community leaders who never stopped believing that this project would take flight,” said Liz Wilson, the executive director. “Together we have done what many thought was impossible… fly… and now the sky’s the limit!”

MCM-Meridian invites guests to attend the public grand opening event on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (closed for a cleaning break between 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) and on Sunday, March 28 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

During the museum’s cleaning period from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. today, guests can grab lunch at a visiting food truck.

Tickets are $10 per person (adults must be accompanied by a child) and must be purchased in advance to reserve your visit. Please visit mcmmeridian.org to buy timed tickets. Following the grand opening weekend, the museum will be open Tuesday-Sunday.
About the Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian
The Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian (MCM - Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy and Arts; STEAM; and Health and Nutrition with Cultural Arts and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors will be a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities will provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum which is dedicated to inspiring ALL of Mississippi’s children from ALL backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum
The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering in its visitors a passion for lifelong learning, improving the health and well-being of Mississippi children, and instilling a sense of state pride in all Mississippi residents. The mission of MCM is to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. The goal of MCM is to inspire Mississippi’s children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts and Mississippi Heritage—the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. Museum exhibits provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. To learn more about MCM, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

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